

# **D R A F T**

## **Minutes**

### **State Board of Education Meeting**

#### **Date**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008**

#### **Time**

**9:00 a.m. Executive Session**

**10:30 a.m. (Approximately) State Board Regular Meeting**  
(Regular Meeting Immediately Following Executive Session)

#### **Location**

**Rutledge Conference Center**  
**1429 Senate Street**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

***Al Simpson, Chair***

***Kristin Maguire, Chair-Elect***

***Jim Rex, PhD***

***State Superintendent of Education***

***Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board***

## **I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following State Board of Education (SBE) members were in attendance for the Educator Certification cases: Al Simpson, Chair, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Kristin Maguire, Chair-Elect, Governor's Appointee; Patsy Pye, First Judicial Circuit (arrived at 9:17 a.m.); Bonnie Disney, Third Judicial Circuit; Hampton Hubbard, Fourth Judicial Circuit (arrived at 9:17 a.m.); Diane Sumpter, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit (arrived at 9:17 a.m.); Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Rick Adkins, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Fred F. DuBard, III, Twelfth Judicial Circuit (arrived at 10:05 a.m.); Phillip Bowers, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Ben Mitchell, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; and Gerrita Postlewait, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit (arrived at 9:17 a.m.).

Absent with apologies was Dr. Britt Blackwell, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff in attendance were Jim Rex, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Carol Collins, Minute Taker; Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; Jack Singletary, Education Associate, Office of Educator

Certification; Wendy Cartledge, Esquire, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, Esquire, Interim General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Paul Bozard, Paralegal, Office of General Counsel; Karla Hawkins, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Janice Poda, PhD, Deputy Superintendent for Administration; Jim Turner, Director, Office of Educator Certification; and John Rabon, Intern, Office of Superintendent.

Board Chair Al Simpson brought the SBE meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He asked for a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss teacher certification cases. Charles McKinney moved that the Board go into Executive Session. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Board Chair Simpson declared the Board back in Executive Session.**

**Open Session**

1. Tim Moore moved that the State Board approve an educator certificate to Jemal Erinon Alston. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried with four opposing votes by Phillip Bower, Cindy Clark, Kristin Maguire, and Amelia Herlong.

**Board Chair Simpson declared the Board back in Executive Session.**

**Open Session**

2. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board take no action and have Coby D. Brandyburg return to the July 9, 2008, Board meeting. A decision will be rendered pending the receipt of FBI and SLED background-check reports. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Board Chair Simpson declared the Board back in Executive Session.**

**Open Session**

3. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board deny an educator certificate to Letitia Renee Dowing. Cindy Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried with two opposing votes by Ben Mitchell and Tim Moore.

**Board Chair Simpson declared the Board back in Executive Session.**

**Open Session**

4. Tim Moore moved that the State Board approve an educator certificate to James Chisholm Farr. Hampton Hubbard seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 8 to 7, with opposing votes by Cindy

Clark, Kristin Maguire, Libby Swad, Rick Adkins, Amelia Herlong, Charles McKinney, and Trip Dubard.

## **II. WELCOME**

Board Chair Simpson called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The following SBE members were in attendance: Al Simpson, Chair, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Kristin Maguire, Chair-Elect, Governor's Appointee; Patsy Pye, First Judicial Circuit; Bonnie Disney, Third Judicial Circuit; Hampton Hubbard, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Diane Sumpter, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Rick Adkins, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Fred F. DuBard, III, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Phillip Bowers, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Ben Mitchell, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; and Gerrita Postlewait, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

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South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff in attendance were Jim Rex, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Carol Collins, Minute Taker; Janice Poda, Deputy Superintendent, Administration; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, Esquire, Interim General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Cindy McIntee, SERVE; Valerie Harrison, PhD, Division of Standards and Learning; Teri Siskind, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Cleo Richardson, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educational Services; Betsy Carpentier, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Support; Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations; Wendy Cartledge, Esquire, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Paul Bozard, Paralegal, Office of General Counsel; and Karla Hawkins, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel.

Board Chair Simpson recognized Board member Tim Moore and welcomed him back. Mr. Moore was unable to attend the last Board meeting because of medical reasons. He also recognized Dr. Anne Hancock with the U.S. Department of Education.

**III. COLOR GUARD/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Chair Simpson recognized the Dreher High School Navy ROTC Color Guard from Richland School District One. The ROTC was led by Lt. Colonel USMC Richard E. Barber. Chair Simpson asked Cindy Clark to led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR MARCH 12, 2008**

Amelia Herlong moved that the State Board approve the minutes for March 12, 2008. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**V. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR APRIL 9, 2008**

Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board approve the agenda with the following amendment: add an Executive Session at the end of the Board meeting to consider teacher cases. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**VI. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA**

Board Chair Simpson asked all visitors present to stand and be recognized. There were no news media present.

Board Chair Simpson turned the meeting over to Dr. Janice Poda, Deputy Superintendent for Administration, to present the report and recognitions on behalf of Dr. Rex.

**VII. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT AND RECOGNITIONS**

- **Project Learning Tree 2008 Outstanding Educator of the Year**

Dr. Janice Poda asked Board member Dr. Gerrita Postlewait to stand with her to recognize Susan Ward; Project Learning Tree 2008 Outstanding Educator of the Year. Dr. Poda stated that Project Learning Tree is the environmental education program of the American Forest Foundation. Ms. Ward teaches seventh grade at Whittemore Park Middle School in Conway, SC. She is being honored for her commitment to environmental

education, exceptional teaching skills, and exemplary use of Project Learning Tree.

- **Maximum SAT Score 2400**

Dr. Poda asked Board member Cindy Clark to stand with her to recognize Jake Stauch. Dr. Poda stated that Jake scored 2400 on the SAT. He ranked at the top of his junior class and is currently enrolled in Advanced Placement Calculus, Physics, and U.S. History at Summerville High School. He plans to attend Duke University and major in Biology.

- **"Schools to Watch" in South Carolina**

Dr. Poda asked Board members Diane Sumpter (Blythewood Middle School) and Rick Adkins (Palmetto Middle School) to stand with her to recognize two of South Carolina's middle schools that have been named "Schools to Watch" in South Carolina. They are Blythewood Middle School in Richland District Two and Palmetto Middle School in Anderson District One. The program honors high-performing middle schools that are academically excellent, developmentally responsive, and socially equitable.

Dr. Poda introduced Phyllis Pendarvis, Co-Director of the Middle School Foundation, who spoke on behalf of Dr. John Harrison of the National Forum.

Dr. Poda shared with everyone an announcement regarding a partnership between Clemson University and the South Carolina Department of Education. This partnership will support development of a Teacher Renewal Center. It will provide unique professional development opportunities for teachers to renew their enthusiasm for the profession.

Dr. Poda introduced John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations, to provide Board members with an update on the recent developments concerning the budget. Mr. Cooley stated that the Board of Economic Advisors had reduced the revenue for FY 2008-09 by \$90 million dollars. This amount will be absorbed by the Capital Needs Reserve Fund. Mr. Cooley stated that of more concern was that the EIA Revenue was reduced by \$30 million, which is solely used for education from the 1-cent sales tax implemented in 1984.

Dr. Poda called on Mark Bounds to provide a report on a new program called "Darkness to Light." Mr. Bounds explained that this organization does training to teach how to look for warning signs that someone may be in trouble. Ms. Clark arranged a meeting between the SCDE and the Darkness to Light organization that has led to the agreement to provide training.

Dr. Poda provided information on the five finalists for state teacher of the year. The finalists are Jenna Hallman, Calhoun Academy for the Arts, Anderson School District Five; Josie Stratton, Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology, Darlington School District; Renee Sanders, Johnson High School, Florence School District Five; Laura Jean Reed, Stone Academy of Communications Arts, Greenville School District; and Rona Neely, Bell Street Middle School, Laurens School District 56. Dr. Poda stated that the Teacher of the Year Banquet would be held on April 25, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Convention Center in Columbia.

Board Chair Simpson asked Dr. Hancock to address the Board.

#### **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Board Chair Simpson stated there were seven people present for public comment. Board Chair Simpson said that each person would be given four minutes to speak.

1. Bill Utsey, Greenville County Schools
2. Wade Barfield, Heyward Career Center
3. Paul Lathrop, Heyward Career Center
4. John Moore, Heyward Career Center
5. Glenn Love, Parent, Advisory Member
6. Crystal Long, Advisory Member
7. Mark Garman, Parent

#### **IX. SECOND READING**

##### **01. Revisions to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE) Guidelines**

Falicia Harvey, PhD, Education Associate, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented the item for second reading. Dr. Harvey stated that the Division of Educator Quality and Leadership was submitting these proposed changes suggested by the PACE Advisory Committee following review of current program implementation.

Dr. Harvey explained that in 1984, S.C. Code Ann. § 59-26-30(A)(8) enabled the SBE to establish the Critical Need Certification Program as part of the Education Improvement Act. The SBE revised program guidelines in March 2001 and changed the name to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE). PACE trains qualified candidates in content areas with an approved major equivalency to become fully certified and highly qualified teachers in South Carolina.

The guidelines have been revised periodically since 1985 to accommodate federal regulations and implement proposed changes of the PACE Advisory Committee.

The SBE approved the item for first reading at its March meeting.

The SCDE recommends that the SBE approve the revised Program of Alternative Certification for Educators Guidelines for second reading.

Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE approve the revisions to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE) Guidelines. Charles McKinney seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, the Board Chair called for the question. The motion carried.

## **02. School Building Act Waiver Requests**

Shelly Bezanson Kelly, Esquire, Interim General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, presented the item for second reading. Ms. Kelly stated that the item is for the adoption of a rule to be included in the SBE Rules of Governance that will set forth the requirements that school districts must follow when submitting Education Improvement Act (EIA) building funds waiver requests.

She explained that S.C. Code Ann. § 59-21-420 (2004) governs the use of school building funds under the EIA. It sets forth that funds may be used for renovation, capital improvement, or repair of school classrooms, libraries, laboratories, and other instructional facilities, including music rooms, or to reduce the millage required to pay principle and interest on bonds. In certain situations, however, the law requires that at least 50 percent of the funds be used to reduce millage required to pay debt service on outstanding bonds. The law also allows the SBE to grant waivers of that requirement to school districts.

During the past year the SBE had several requests for waivers. This rule sets forth the procedure for requesting a waiver.

The SBE approved this policy for first reading at its March meeting. The SCDE received comments regarding this policy from an attorney. The SCDE recommends that the SBE approve the request with a few changes made in consideration of those comments.

Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE approve the School Building Act Waiver Requests for second reading to include changes shown throughout the document in section B, changing wording from "must" to "should," "will be" to "is," and "to" to "that should" in the first

paragraph, and in section C striking the term "required above" and "required." Charles McKinney seconded the motion.

Board Chair Simpson asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Sumpter asked if this item was sent to all of the school districts in order for the districts to have public comments.

Dr. Rex stated that if this item was approved by the SBE, it would be sent to all district superintendents as well as to the School Board Associations.

The Board Chair asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, he called for the question. The motion carried.

### **03. School Bus Driver's Certification Program**

Donald Tudor, Director, Office of Transportation, Division of Innovation and Educational Services, asked that the SBE approve a rule to be included in the SBE Rules of Governance that would establish a multilevel School Bus Driver's Certification program. This would create a program that would certify school bus drivers of publicly and privately owned school buses and provide a separate certification level for drivers of school buses used for regular route service and activity trips. He explained that the General Assembly added S.C. Code Ann. § 59-67-108 (Supp. 2007) requiring the establishment of this multilevel school bus driver's certification. This law requires the State Board to establish an appropriate level of driver certification. In preparing recommended policy for the SBE, the SCDE has established a School Bus Driver's Certification Study Committee composed of school district, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Public Safety, State Transport Police, South Carolina Independent Schools Association, and SCDE officials.

Mr. Tudor stated that the SCDE recommends that the SBE approve the request for second reading.

Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE approve the School Bus Driver's Certification Program for second reading. Amelia Herlong seconded the motion.

Board Chair Simpson asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Maguire asked that the SCDE provide an appropriate response to the points raised during Public Comment before the regulation (R 43-80 (N)(T)) comes back for second reading at the May 14, 2008, Board meeting. Mr. Tudor stated that the issue concerns a federal



requirement that was brought to his attention last summer that required more extensive training for all school bus drivers. He assured Ms. Maguire that an appropriate response would be provided.

There being no further discussion, the Chair called for the question. The motion carried.

Board Chair Simpson turned the meeting over to Patsy Pye.

<b>X. STATE BOARD COMMITTEE ITEMS</b>
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**EP. EDUCATION PROFESSIONS**

**01. Committee Report—Patsy Pye, Chair**

Chair Pye stated that there was no report from the Education Professions Committee. She said the Education Professions Committee would meet upon the adjournment of this Board meeting to address three information items. Everyone was invited to attend.

**SL&A. STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**01. Committee Report—Libby Swad, Chair**

Chair Swad stated that the Standards, Learning, and Accountability Committee met on Tuesday, April 8. The Committee only had one item to approve. The item was the additional instructional materials for EIA being changed to be more accessible for teachers. The item passed unanimously.

**FOR APPROVAL**

**02. Recommendations for Appointments to the 2008 Instructional Materials Review Panels**

Kriss Stewart, Program Coordinator, Office of Academic Standards, Division of Standards and Learning, presented this item. She stated that on December 12, 2007, the SBE approved subject areas to be opened for the 2008 instructional materials adoption. Instructional Materials Review Panels were created for the subject areas and nominees and alternates selected according to State Board regulations. Recommendations for appointments of members to serve on the Review Panels from the following categories were submitted for approval.

- Business, Management, and Administration
- Engineering/Industrial Technology Education
- Finance
- Information Technology
- Language Arts, Secondary
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
- Marketing, Sales, and Service
- Mathematics, Elementary and Middle
- Modern and Classical Languages
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Mrs. Stewart explained that the approval of the Review Panel members will allow the materials bid for the 2008 adoption cycle to be evaluated and Panel recommendations to be submitted to the SBE in December 2008.

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends approval of the recommendations for Instructional Materials Review Panel members. This list includes recommendations received by the SBE members since the March SBE meeting.

The Standards, Learning, and Accountability Committee recommends that the SBE approve the recommendations for appointments to the 2008 Instructional Materials Review Panel.

Kristin Maguire moved to approve the lists as submitted and to include the two additional teachers' names submitted since the March meeting. Cindy Clark seconded the motion.

Board Chair Simpson asked if there were any questions.

There being no further discussion, the Board Chair called for the question. The motion carried.

Board Chair Simpson turned the meeting over to Chair Adkins.

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**FINANCE AND OPERATIONS**

- 01. Committee Report**—Rick Adkins, Chair, stated that the Finance and Operations Committee met Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at 8:00 a.m.

**FOR APPROVAL**

**02. Waiver of Requirement to Reduce Millage—Charleston County School District**

Betsy Carpentier presented this item on behalf of Alex James, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Innovation and Support, for waiver of requirement to reduce millage by the Charleston County School District.

The Finance and Operations Committee requested that the SBE approve the request for the waiver of requirement to reduce the millage in Charleston County School District so that the full EIA Building Fund Allocation (\$2,486.37) would be used for construction of three new schools and the renovation/addition of approximately fourteen existing schools.

The Board Chair called for the question. The motion carried.

The Board Chair turned the meeting over to Chair Maguire.

**I&E. INNOVATION AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**01. Committee Report**—Kristin Maguire, Chair, stated that the Committee met on Tuesday, April 8. A discussion was held regarding data quality and charter schools.

Betsy Carpentier stated that item 02, Status of Public Choice Innovation School (PCIS) Grants for SY 2007–08, was changed to an information item.

**FOR APPROVAL**

**03. Waiver of Nonconforming Facility—Sea Island Youth Build Charter School**

Betsy Carpentier presented this item on behalf of Alex James, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Innovation and Support.

The Innovation and Educational Services Committee requested that the SBE approve the Waiver of Nonconforming Facility—Sea Island Youth Build Charter School.

The Chair called for the question. The motion carried.

**04. Waiver of Nonconforming Facility—Fox Creek Charter High School**

Betsy Carpentier presented this item on behalf of Alex James, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Innovation and Support.

The Innovation and Educational Services Committee requested that the SBE approve the Waiver of Nonconforming Facility—Fox Creek Charter High School.

The Chair called for the question. The motion carried.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**05. Report on the Appointment of a Work Group on the SY 2008–09 Public Choice Innovation School (PCIS) Request for Proposal**

Kristin Maguire, Chair, proposed delaying the appointment of a work group until funding is appropriated by the General Assembly.

**P&L. POLICY and LEGISLATIVE**

**01. Committee Report—Al Simpson, Chair**

**FOR APPROVAL**

**02. Senate Bill 1136—Public Schools**

Chair Simpson stated that the SBE reviewed Senate Bill 1136 to determine whether or not the Board should take an official position regarding the bill. This bill is proposing language that would offer an amendment to the State Constitution. If adopted, the wording would say “the General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free public schools open to children in the state and shall establish, organize, and support public institutions of learning that will provide a high quality education allowing for each student to reach his highest potential in the state.”

*Shelly Kelly stated that the purpose of the change in wording is the State Supreme Court’s interpretation of the*

*current Constitutional language. The Court stated that the Constitution requires that the State provide for a "minimally adequate" education. This language is not in the Constitution; it's the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution.*

The Policy and Legislative Committee voted to not take an official position on this Senate Bill and determined that it should be discussed and reviewed by the full Board.

The Chair called for discussion on this matter.

Mr. Moore stated that he couldn't see any reason why the Board couldn't support this position.

Mr. McKinney said that he felt this was admirable to want to provide the "highest quality" of education as possible for each child. There are children with disabilities and he doesn't see the legislature providing the adequate funds for those special needs children. Mr. McKinney feels it is up to the General Assembly to come up with a way to adequately fund education so that every child can reach his or her greatest potential.

Dr. Rex stated that he did not see where this would hamper us for not being adequately funded. The positive part of this would be asking the citizens what their expectations are, not just of the legislature or the SCDE, but of themselves in terms of what we owe our children.

Mrs. Maguire stated she does not support amending the Constitution. She feels that this would just put us back in court again, and it will not necessarily improve the education of a single child. She does not want the Board to take a position on this bill.

Mr. DuBard stated that he does not see how the Board can't take a position on this issue. Mr. DuBard moved to adopt a resolution that doesn't go to a specific piece of legislation but to a philosophy. He proposed the following:

"That the South Carolina Board of Education encourages the General Assembly to raise the current state benchmark from that of a "minimally adequate" education, as set forth by the S.C. Supreme Court, to one of a high quality education for all children."

Ms. Kelly stated that there was already a motion that came out of Committee and that Mr. Dubard's motion needs to be amended and substituted in its entirety.

Trip DuBard moved to amend the original motion to read that "the South Carolina Board of Education encourages the General Assembly to raise the current state benchmark from that of a "minimally adequate" education, as set forth by the S.C. Supreme Court, to one of a high quality education for all children." Charles McKinney seconded the motion.

Board Chair Simpson asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Board Chair Simpson called for the question on the amendment.

Board Chair Simpson stated he would feel more comfortable supporting this statement if it was not attached to the bill.

Ms. Sumpter stated she was very comfortable in supporting this bill. She wants to go on record as strongly supporting what Senator Matthews, Senator Jake Knotts, and others have come out with as the current bill.

Mrs. Disney stated that for future reference it should be noted where the wording "minimally adequate" comes from.

Board Chair Simpson called for the question on the amendment: "The South Carolina Board of Education encourages the General Assembly to raise the current state benchmark from that of a "minimally adequate" education, as set forth by the S.C. Supreme Court, to one of a high quality education for all children."

The motion carried.

**03. House and Senate Requests Regarding State Board of Education Regulations (if needed)**—Shelly Bezanson Kelly, Esquire, Interim General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

There were no requests to present.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**04. America's Promise Alliance—Dropout Prevention Leadership Summit**

Cleo Richardson, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Educational Services, provided the SBE with a copy of the draft application to the America's Promise Alliance for funding for a South Carolina Dropout Prevention Leadership Summit.

The South Carolina Department of Education requests that the SBE be supportive of the Dropout Prevention Leadership Summit.

**05. Overview of Implementation of Star Academies—**

James Couch, EdD, Director, Office of Career and Technology, Division of Standards and Learning, stated that the Star Academy Program is a dropout prevention and acceleration program for overage eighth graders who have failed one to two years. Dr. Couch gave the SBE an overview of this program and showed a PowerPoint.

<b>XI. OTHER BUSINESS</b>
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Board Chair Simpson reminded the Board that the deadline to file their Economic Interest Forms is April 15. Forms can be obtained from Carol or online.

Board Chair Simpson stated that the State Board Retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, and Thursday, June 12, 2008, at the Richland School Bus Shop, Career Development Center, Columbia.

Board Chair Simpson urged all Board members to attend the Teacher of the Year Banquet.

Board Chair Simpson told the SBE that a meeting had been held with parents of special needs children on Tuesday, April 8. He stated that it was a very productive meeting. Dr. Rex commented that it was an instructional meeting. There are some very specific things that the SCDE will work on. There will be a follow-up meeting in the near future to get input on areas the SCDE would like to look at in terms of change. He stated that he would like to see the Department come up with a third option for parents with special needs children in South Carolina.

Mr. DuBard asked about the process when people attend Board meetings and speak during public comment. Mrs. Maguire responded that the Chair would

talk with the appropriate SCDE staff person to provide additional information or have them respond to the issue and then report back to the SBE. Chair Simpson stated that this would also be a policy change.

Board Chair Simpson asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to finish the teacher certification cases.

Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE go into Executive Session. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

<b>XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>
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Board **Chair Simpson declared the Board back in Executive Session.**

**Open Session**

5. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board issue a public reprimand to Julia Mae Bamberg, educator certificate 136836, and approve the Consent Order of Public Reprimand on the grounds of unprofessional conduct for test security violation. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board permanently revoke the educator certificate of Timothy L. Brumit, certificate 194953, and approve the Order of Permanent Revocation on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Cindy Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE summarily suspend the educator certificate of Tyesha N. Barber, certificate 228374, and adopt an Order of Summary Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE summarily suspend the certificate of Tawana L. Horton, certificate 236691, and adopt an Order of Summary Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board suspend the educator certificate of Terry L. Housman, certificate 209312, for a period of two years and approve the Consent Order of Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Ben Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried.
10. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE summarily suspend the educator certificate of Cambrella L. Pinckney, certificate 214711, and adopt an Order of Summary Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.



11. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board permanently revoke the educator certificate of Laurence O. Seymour, certificate 081095, and approve the Order of Permanent Revocation, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Upon adjournment of the SBE meeting, Board members will travel to the Olympia Learning Center to tour the Star Academy. Transportation will be provided.

***The trip to the Olympia Learning Center to tour the STAR Academy was canceled.***